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SUBJECT: AZERBAIJAN STATE OIL COMPANY APPOINTS NEW VICE PRESIDENTS

11. (U) On December 27, 2007, President Ilham Aliyev appointed three new vice presidents of the State Oil Company (SOCAR). Under the decree, Qorkhmaz Huseynov was appointed VP for social issues, Mukhtar Babayev VP for ecology issues, and Khalik Mammadov VP for personnel, regime, and information technologies. With these new appointments, SOCAR now has a total of eight VPs, including previous appointees Khoshbakht Yusifzadeh (1st vice president), Suleyman Gasimov, Davud Mammadov, Elshad Nasirov and Mikail Ismaylov.

12. (SBU) BIO NOTES: The newly appointed VP for social issues, Qorkhmaz Huseynov was born in 1965 in Jabrail, Azerbaijan. Huseynov is an engineer-economist, and worked in the "Caspian Oil and Gas" production unit and as head of SOCAR's Oily Rocks installation before his promotion to the VP position from SOCAR's social development department. VP for ecology issues Mukhtar Babayev (no relation to Minister of Economic Development Heydar Babayev) was born in 1967, in Baku, Azerbaijan. Babayev graduated from the Russian Moscow State University named after M.V. Lomonosov, and the Azerbaijan State Economic University. e started his professional career at the Azerbaijan State Economic and Planning Committee, and wa appointed a VP from the position of chief of SOCA's Marketing and Economic Development Department. Khalik Mammadov, born in 1958, in Astara, Azerbijan, graduated from the Azerbaijan State Oil Acdemy and the Azerbaijan Oil and Chemistry Institute. He started his professional career at the Oil Refinery Plant named after Heydar Aliyev. Prior to his appointment as VP for personnel and informational technologies, he served as Chief of SOCAR's General Issues Department.